

Technical /Management Committee Meeting
Minutes of July 06, 2005

Andy Gunning, Director of Planning

ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Chuck Huckelberry	Bob Iannarino	Paul Cella
Jim Glock	Chet Davis	Benny Young
Farhad Moghimi	Marshall Worden	Martin Roush
Frank Thomson	Michael Reuwsaat	Jill Merrick
George Caria	Roger Caldwell	Marshall Worden
John Bernal	Barbara Becker	
Carl Russell	Chuck Sweet	

PAG RTA STAFF

Gary Hayes	Tom Cooney
Andy Gunning	Rosie Soto
Tim Ahrens	Cherie Campbell
Jeff Hildebrand	Dan Sullivan
Natalie Clark	

GUESTS

Thomas Benavidez	Carolyn Campbell	Ed Stillings
Daniel Hochuli	M.J. Yee	Amber Moore
Pat Dunford	Steve Pageau	Mark Thompson
Dick Guthrie	Mark Gerber	Angela Stith
Jerry Fay	Robert Sleight	Paul Mackey
Curt Lueck	F. Ann Rodriguez	Martin Willett
Hurvie Davis	Jim DeGroot	Bill Dorgan
David Finley	Bill Reilly	Les Pierce
Levi Jackson		

1. Call to order.

Chairman Chuck Huckelberry called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m.

2. Approval of the minutes of the June 15, 2005, meeting.

Farhad Moghimi moved to approve the minutes. Chet Davis seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Report from the RTA Citizens' Advisory Committee

Mr. Gary Hayes of PAG reported on behalf of the CAC Committee. Since the last CAC meeting on June 27, the CAC considered the recommendations of the TMC Committee and approved endorsing the recommendations as of that date and forwarding it over to the RTA Board to begin the public review process.

4. Review and refinement of draft 20-year regional transportation concept plan elements

Chairman Chuck Huckelberry discussed and reviewed his memo regarding the CAC meeting on June 27, 2005. Chair Huckelberry explained the re-organization of the categorical program into 3 different areas and the re-shuffling of the \$20 million for the railroad element to give more money to bikes, trails, environmental mitigation and pedestrians.

Vice Chair Jim Glock expressed concerns regarding the reallocations of funds at this time due to the public outreach process.

Andy Gunning explained that a memo from the Chair, dated June 23, was about putting together a working group with PAG staff and the jurisdictional representatives to get the specificity that's needed for the bikeway projects, intersections and criteria to be used for traffic delay and accidents. At this point in time it's a good idea to use the feedback from the public outreach meetings over the next 6 weeks to determine what the public wants. In August or September, when more refinements are made to the plan, that would be a good time to suggest the changes to the CAC and determine if it's consistent with what the public wants.

Si Schorr shared that to avoid confusion now is the time to identify elements and not wait until elections. Each element that needs to be identified should be brought forward for consideration.

Paul Cella expressed his concerns that the projects need to be put in a simple format that is easy to understand and less confusing.

Chuck Sweet of Oro Valley mentioned that there are 2 types of audiences. One group will attend the public meetings and will want detailed information and the other group will not attend the public meetings and will only be influenced by television and newspapers. Therefore, we will need maps and charts to be simple.

Mike Reuwsaat of Marana motioned that the improvements move forward to the CAC for their consideration. Frank Thomson seconded the motion to forward the improvements to the CAC.

John Bernal questioned how the projects all fit together as a plan. Right now, it's a list of projects, but we can't lose sight of the plan.

Bob Iannarino questioned where the linkages are and suggested that the right of way acquisition shift into the highway elements.

Vice Chair Jim Glock commented on his concerns moving the plan forward for CAC to consider before the RTA board adopts. Moving dollar amounts around could potentially question the integrity of the process. Glock wants more input from community before any more changes are made.

Mr. Gary Hayes of PAG confirmed that the RTA board was only going to approve the process of getting the information out to the public, not adopt the plan.

Mike Reuwsaat amended his motion to include Bob's right of way suggestion. The amendment was accepted by Frank Thomson.

John Bernal commented on the necessity of railroad crossing safety and suggested moving railroad crossings to intersections.

Chair Huckelberry confirmed that (item #4 at grade level) would be added to section #2- intersection, pedestrian and general safety element.

There were no objections to the motion, motion passed unanimously with the recommended amendments.

4. Reports from Legal Counsel

Thomas Benavidez of Hochuli & Benavidez P.C presented a power point and handout defining the legal requirements for the Regional Transportation Authority Plan before it goes out to voters, understanding how the state Legislature requires the plan to be presented on the ballot and how the draft plan matches up to the requirements. Mr. Benavidez commented that the TMC Committee is doing exactly what it should be in terms of legality and statutes.

Daniel Hochuli of Hochuli & Benavidez PC also presented a power point and handout reviewing permissible acts relating to elections. Mr. Hochuli pointed out that governments can not use government resources to influence the outcome of an election. It is OK to educate the public, you just can't tell people how to vote.

PAG staff will forward new information from today's TMC meeting to be reviewed by legal counsel before presented to CAC.

5. Public involvement process and schedule

David Finley of Triad reported that media training would be available Wednesday, July 6, and everything is set to go for the Press Conference on July 7.

Rene Tanner of Gordley Design reported on the upcoming public meeting schedule.

6. Future RTA meetings and agenda items

The next TMC meeting originally scheduled for July 20, will be postponed until August 3, 2005. The next CAC is scheduled for August 1, 2005.

7. Call to the Audience

Mark Gerber addressed his support of the Snyder Road Bridge.

Michael Toney addressed his support of the Bike Lane and Trail System sketch.

9. Adjournment

Chairman Chuck Huckelberry adjourned the meeting at 12:50 p.m.